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Regarding the Legalization of Low Power FM (NPRM # FCC 99-6, MM Docket 99-25):

I urge you to adopt rules for licensing Low Power FM radio that prioritize the needs of under-served and

under-financed communities. Your office has the power, and the mandate,

make sure that ordinary

people can claim a piece of the pie that big corporations currently dominate and control. I am confident

you agree that broad citizen access to information and culture is at the

heart of a democratic society.

To support this vision, I urge you to legalize micro-radio with the following concerns in mind:

1. There should be COMPLETELY NON-COMMERCIAL SERVICE. The current radio

spectrum is

dominated by commercial media. LPFM licenses should go to community groups who want to use

radio to communicate, not to make a profit.

2. Licenses should be held locally, limited to one per license holder, affordable to all communities, easy

to apply for, and should NOT be businesses.

3. Power levels should go up to, but not exceed, 100 watts in urban

250 watts in rural areas -

NO 1,000 watt stations.

4.NO secondary status for Low Power FM. This ensures that LPFM stations

won't aet bumped from

their assigned frequency by higher-powered, better-financed stations

5. Micro-broadcast pioneers who have suffered government seizure and fines

should be forgiven, have

their property returned, and be prioritized for new licenses.

6. Problems, technical or otherwise, should be referred to the local

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voluntary micro-radio organization

for assistance or mediation (eg the successful amateur radio model).

The FCC should be brought in

as the last resort.

7.Low Power FM must be included in the future of the emerging digital radio technology .

8.If the FCC intends to license some commercial stations, they must be

licensed last. In this instance,

there should be a 2 year "head start" for non-commercial licenses.

The

right of citizens to

communicate is protected by the Constitution and the FCC s mandate.

The

right to make money

through local radio is not.

Thank you for considering these vital issues. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely, Date: 7/2/99

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